

AUGUSTE MONTESSORI SCHOOL – PARENT REVIEWS

Auguste Montessori is a joyful and beautiful learning environment – the best possible place for a child in his or her early years. Director Valerie O’Connor has a deep understanding of the Montessori method and tailors her observations to help guide each child in a different way. My husband, myself and our daughters trusted Ms. O’Connor implicitly and both daughters developed a love for learning at Auguste that continues today. I can add that I learned a thing or two about parenting from her as well! We are so grateful that our two daughters were able to attend this wonderful school.

Margaret O

My children graduated from Auguste Montessori five years ago, and they still recall fondly and often the time they spent in that loving classroom. They learned important academic concepts, but more importantly they learned to develop self-discipline and intellectual curiosity, respect their classmates, and contribute to a caring community. Those lessons and skills continue to serve them today.

Valerie O’Connor also fosters a warm and intentional community for Auguste parents. For example, she organizes parent-only potluck dinners and education nights. In the years since my children’s graduation I have yet to experience another education environment where parents are so much a part of the school fabric.

I can’t recommend Auguste enough, and I would send my children back in a flash. Let me know when you open the upper-school campus!

Allison K.

Our daughter was fortunate enough to be a student in Ms. O’Connor’s first class in her Washington, DC school 18 years ago. Our child adored Ms. O’Connor and has a true love of learning thanks to her Montessori Days. Our daughter is in college now at the top ranked university in America –she has excelled beyond our wildest dreams. We want to thank Valerie for her hard work, dedication and love and support for each and every student. If you want your child to grow into a responsible, educated, and caring citizen – make sure to check out Auguste Montessori. You will all be happy you did! We reconnected with Valerie over the past year and are very pleased we did. We highly recommend August Montessori School. Thanks Valerie for all of your great work!

M.G.

My son is currently at August and has grown and thrived immeasurably there. The director has not only harnessed and developed his powers of concentration and creativity, but also worked through with him and with us some issues of socialization. He has changed so much for the better in a year and a half; we would recommend Auguste to any family.

Parent

When we were looking for a school for our oldest child five years ago, we decided that we wanted a school that would combine academic and play-based learning. Auguste Montessori is a warm, nurturing environment, where children have the opportunity to learn at their own pace. The majority of children who complete the three year program are reading and writing s they enter their Kindergarten year. Our oldest child, who now attends and independent school in Washington, D.C., was well prepared for his Kindergarten year both academically and socially. The school that he currently attends has a preschool program that our younger children could also attend, however, we are committed to having all three of our children complete the program at Auguste Montessori. We believe very strongly that it is a wonderful environment for our children during their early years.

Parent

If we could send our kids to Auguste for the rest of their school lives, we would. As proud parents of one Auguste graduate one current student, we can honestly say it's been a superb experience. The curriculum gives students great grounding in all subjects and teaches them important life skills, such as independence and respect for others. In addition, the community of parent is excellent and we have formed strong friendships thanks to the school.

Parent

Auguste Montessori provides a flexible, challenging educational environment for students. My daughter, who has now gone on to a public elementary school, and my son, who continues as a student, both thrived there. The school administrator/teacher is warm, caring, and highly attentive to each child's individual development.

Parent

Auguste Montessori gave my children a solid grounding in respect for learning and respect for others and self that has lasted well beyond their years there. It's a nurturing school that helps children learn that they are responsible for themselves. Its cheery, bright atmosphere, its uplifting routines and the wonderful teaching all make for a terrific early school environment.

Former Parent

My daughter was extremely well prepared when she moved from Auguste to one of the area's wonderful independent schools. We attribute her love of learning and continued academic success in large part to the solid foundation she received at Auguste, where she was enrolled from age 2-1/2 through 6. The Montessori method practiced here allowed her to soar, instead of being restricted to curriculum limited by age group. The joyful and respectful social environment also taught her to be a good citizen. I believe Ms.

O'Connor is gifted in her insights and sensitivity to the needs of the children and is conscientious about sharing them. When dealing with sticky issues, she sought a dialogue with us, which I found very helpful to build understanding and which allowed us to work as partners with the school. We were extremely pleased with Auguste.

Margaret Y.

We had gone to visit several schools and when we walked into Auguste we felt the difference immediately. Valerie is committed to developing unique relationships with each child and that started at our first meeting. She has also been an invaluable resource in helping us to be better parents, meeting with us individually as often as needed and/or requested.

Edina

"August Montessori is an exceptional school. My shy two and a half year old has blossomed into a confident and curious four year old who loves school. Every morning he asks, "Do I have school today?" and when I say, "yes", he claps his hands and responds "yeah!" I especially like the communications at the school. August is a small school and Valerie regularly sends notes and photos to parents letting them know how their kids are doing and she is always available to talk about your child. She has a wealth of information and has helped me navigate what after school and summer school programs are best for my child."

Robin

Sending our two kids to Auguste was the best thing we've done as parents. Thanks to Auguste, our kids started kindergarten well ahead of the game academically and socially and with a real love of learning. The Auguste community is diverse but cohesive; the school environment is structured but warm; the Montessori method is applied skillfully and with a real sense of fun; the school teaches good values, respect and teamwork; and it is impeccably well run. But what really stands out is the teacher. Valerie O'Connor has a unique gift for understanding and nurturing each child individually; she "got" our two very different children incredibly fast and even helped us understand our own children better. And she has an incredible talent for getting active kids to enjoy being calm, focused, cooperative, self-motivated learners, and for building their self-confidence. Our kids emerged from Auguste with pride in their achievements, real joy in learning, and an abiding love for "Ms. O'Connor." We cannot recommend it highly enough.

Simon S. (former parent)

Ms. O'Connor is truly gifted and Auguste Montessori reflects her conviction in the traditional Montessori approach to fostering a love for discovery in young children, and her passionate commitment to their social and academic development. She gently transitioned our son into school, and through her intuitive understanding of his

personality and her hands-on guidance gave him a solid foundation upon which which to become confident and independent in the classroom. We are now in the Middle East and our son is enrolled in a large international school based on the American system. His concentration and social skills that he began to develop at Auguste helped us all adjust to his new environment. We will always be grateful to Valerie for the wonderful experience we had as an Auguste Montessori family.

Laura (Former Parent)